

H.C. Burleigh Papers

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Benson

U S L Rolly

Descendants

Cornelius Benson - of York - Blacksmith -
son of Matthew Benson of Sophiea -
states to have joined Roy. Standard
with his father & 5 brothers from
the Jerseys in 1779

Sons & Daughters of U S 1817-1846

David Benson, 4, Aglom. son of Peter

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

(To be used for Departmental Cases only)

NAME..... REG. No.....

HOME ADDRESS.....

R_x No..... DATE.....19.....

NOT TO BE REFILLED BY DRUGGIST

R_x

SignedM.D.

54 Hickson Street,
Toronto, Ont.,
M6K 1T3,
1 June, 1974.

Dr. H.C. Burleigh, M.D., C.M., U.E.,
P.O. Box 9,
Bath, Ont.
KOH 1G0

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

Thank you for your clarification of your Van Norden ancestry. There was another Van Norden, described in Dutch records as "a corporal and smith" who was involved in selling muskets to the Indians. The Council placed him under house arrest and warned all others not to give him strong drink at his home or blacksmith shop. As you have pointed out, all these people were individuals having only Norden as their place of origin in the Netherlands.

I have yet to copy all the records and the clippings sent me by Aunt Berth which are supposed to have originated with Uncle Wm. Ruttan Benson. I will send a copy on to you when I have typed them up. Professor Ruttan of McGill is mentioned in a number of clippings and this reminded me of Dad saying that one of the Ruttans used to call on Grandfather when they lived in Montreal.

I don't recall if I sent you any of the data sent me by the Bensons in the U.S. Charles B. Benson of Claverack has sent me information that is a little difficult to fit in with the family history. I enclose a copy of a portion of one letter. You probably know of the Van Deusen genealogy written by C. Benson which is referred to by Charles. His reference to his father's visit to N.S. fits in with Aunt Agnes' mention of how Grandfather Adolphus met one of the Hudson Valley Bensons in N.S.

Do you have any association with St. Alban's Church? I have suggested that the Christian Reformed Church be invited to take part in the commemorative service by sending a group to sing or recited the 23rd Psalm in Dutch. This gesture would acknowledge the contribution of the Dutch U.E.s and would rate mention in "De Halve Maen", the quarterly of the Holland Society.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Benson



My father, an attorney, wrote the Van Deusen and Best genealogies and my mother, another Maude Benson, was known as an authority on local history of the Hudson Valley and served on State Committees until she passed on only a few years ago, but for me to trace down the lineage from Dirck 1638, 1650, 1661, instead of someone already doing the work for me in other lines, has yet to be done. My trouble is that I am related back to 1638 in so many different lines all inter-married not just once but many times - which I see you escaped except from the Captains Van Deusen and Van Buren.

My father did not marry until he was 40 and he travelled all over the world saying he was digging up records for genealogical records, but he did or was in N.S. in the summer about 1890 on a high wheel bicycle and had a puppy shipped home that was so big they had to put it in a horse stall, so he could have talked with your Grandfather. You ask for the Egbert Benson associated with Hamilton. The only Egbert I know anything about was a lifetime college friend of John Jay, Peter Van Schaack, Martin Van Buren, Governor Morris and Richard Harrison, spending a great amount of time in Kinderhook and Albany. The other was the brother of Mrs. James Roosevelt, a member of the Continental Congress, as was Richard and was buried in Rhinebeck in 1820. No, Richard was the grandson of Lt. Col. Robert Benson who could have been a brother of Captain John Benson. The more I try to get the lineage straightened out the worse I get because I find that names and dates differ from book to book. Two years ago I went with some friends to Shelburne Museum in Vermont that was established by General Watson Webb's family. He held the Bible for General Washington to take the oath as our first President. The General's mother was a Gr. Gr. Gr. aunt of mine. She and the General are both buried here in Claverack. The Ticonderoga old side wheeler there at the museum has a picture of a James Roosevelt as owner. He was the son of the first governor of Vermont born at Lindenwald built by his father Peter Van Ness who hired Washington Irving to tutor his three sons and two daughters and who later sold Lindenwald to President Van Buren. My Gr. Grandfather, E.P. Best, was No.1 bearer at the funeral. His sister-in-law was a wife of Jess Merwin, Icabod Crane. Another son of Van Ness was second to Burr in his duel with Hamilton, whose wife's mother was Katrina Van Rensselaer a close neighbor of ours here in Claverack, and the third brother a General in Washington, D.C. and Mayor. Wife was so well liked that both houses of Congress recessed in her honour for her funeral. I think her family (Berk?) originally had owned the land on which the Capital was built.

Charles B. Benson

The Benson Family was There, Too

And Its Present Chronicler and Historian
Is Here With All the Facts

To The Sun's Rays Editor - Sir:

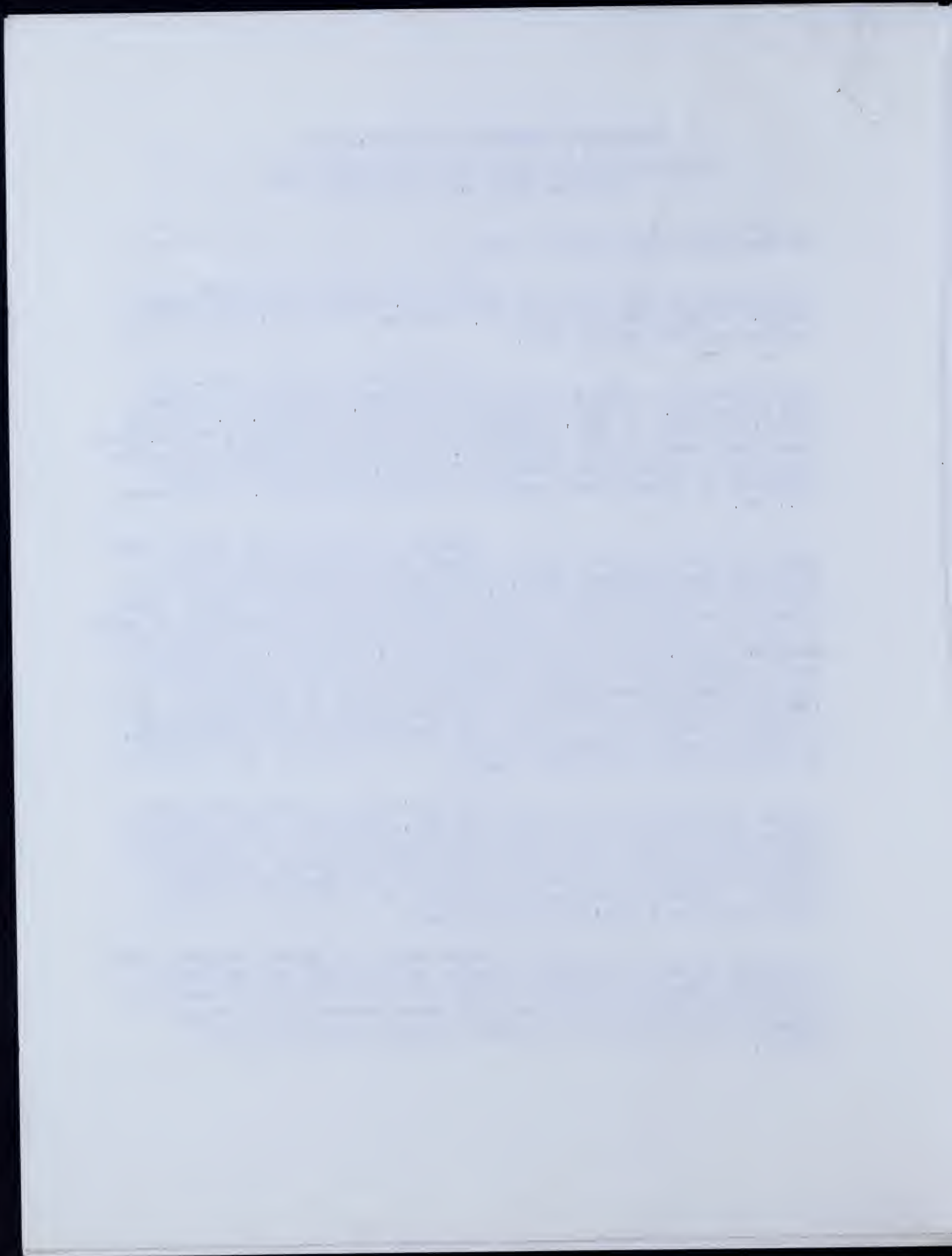
The recent article headed "Evacuation of New York 150 years ago" rather stirs my family pride, or perhaps lacerates it, because of the omission of any mention of the Benson clan.

The article has as a lead, "All was bustle and turmoil around 125th Street and Eighth Avenue 150 years ago. In the background was Day's Tavern...." Let me say right there if Day's Tavern was in the background the Bensons must have been in the foreground, for even Washington Irving in reporting a roystering party of Colonial times particularly comments on among those present as the De Peysters, the Bensons, &c., &c.

Indeed, I doubt if any event took place in Haarlem that was not graced by the Bensons, for my distinguished original Capt. Johannes Benson in 1715 owned 182 acres of Hot Harlem and Riker's "History of Harlem" says: "With those whose recollections of Harlem run back a generation or more to the time when it yet retained all the charms of a quiet rural suburb, B.C.C.(Before the Cotton Club) 'ere trade's unfeeling train usurped the land and dispossessed the swains" "The name of this locality finds almost a synonym in that of Benson; so largely identified with the landed interests of the town." All of which proves that at that time the Bensons were respectable, they were there and always "regular" so delivered the district on the high sign from the "Boss".

The Sun's Rays odyssey is quite remiss in reporting the antics of Gov. Clinton on the corner of Eighth avenue and 125th Street 150 years ago in not mentioning among those present his aid-de-camp Robert Benson, Assistant Alderman, Clerk of the Senate, Clerk of the New York Common Council, and Acting Mayor - (Ancestor Bob probably held down other jobs but I can't remember them).

Then there was Egbert Benson, first Attorney-General of New York State, who founded the New York Historical Society in 1804 and was the last prominent tenant of the Richmond Hill mansion and his name is now on the bronze tablet on the Butterick Building, Spring Street and Sixth Avenue.



Again, why leave out that choice morsel of gossip that set Greenwich Village in an uproar because a platinum blonde who lived down in Cherry Lane tossed her lace handkerchief to Egbert as he galloped past to join Gov. Clinton and the rest of the boys at the corner of Eighth Avenue and 125th Street that hilarious day 150 years ago?

And what about that other Benson who wrote letters to the editor that so annoyed Gen. Howe that he ordered the British Army to take a day off and go and "rub him out"? Maybe Gen. Howe hit upon the right method to stop the Bensons writing letters to the editor. The said Benson was shot while shingling a barn.

Also, it all seems to be because the Bensons had no press agent or surely The Sun's Rays would have burnished their glory when we have such constant reminders as Bensonhurts, Benson Park, Benson Avenue, Benson Street and Benson Place.

Let The Sun's Ray's reporter read, mark and inwardly digest this sketchy history of the Harlem Bensons.

Hevlyn Dirck Benson

Charles:

I believe that should be "Dey" Street.

Kenneth

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Benson Family Record
Application Form of Mrs. George (Ruth Walsh) Hemmingsway
73 Knysnet, Hamilton

Jacob Benson, b. Orange Co, N.Y. 5 October 1786

married Abigail Osborne, b. 13 Oct., 1775

Children, born in Sophiasburg Township, Pr. Edw. Co

1. Mary, b. 10 March, 1796; married, February, 1823, to Anthony Merrill.
2. Anna, b. 14 Sept., 1797, married Dec., 1818, to Michael Cuydesman.
3. Matthew, b. 10 Dec., 1798; died 1799.
4. James, b. 30 March 1800; married Feb., 1822, to Mary Truder.
5. Elizabeth, b. 28 April, 1802
6. Garrett, b. 10 May, 1804.
7. William, b. 8 Dec., 1805.
8. John, b. 20 April, 1808.
9. Jane, b. 3 June 1810
10. Margaret, b. 4 May, 1815
11. Rhoda, b. 26 Feb., 1816



Benson

Stephen Benson d 18 Dec 1830 at 33-6-24
 Char O " Feb 8 1854 42-3-10
 Azel " " 11 1842 73-11-00
 Ann " Nov 2 1858 77-2-10
 Mary Ann " Jan 10 1823 5-7-8
 Isabelle Fraser Jan 30 1852 7-0-0

Samuel M Benson d Hotel St Belleville
 Dec 27 1876

Ann Robinson Benson d 23 Sep 1853
 Chas Alfred Allen Benson d Aug 1 1852
 Geo Fred " d 20 Feb 1856

Samuel Robinson Benson 20 Oct 1852
 Samuel George " Oct 18 1852

Samuel Benson, banisher
 Alicia Benton Benson eldest of Benson, banisher
 of Belleville, niece & ward of the late Sir Jas Harvey
 of Nova Scotia died 18 Aug 1878
 son Martin Jan 5 1876

Samuel M Benson Esq Belleville. Oldest Prov.
 David S. Benson Esq. aged 75-y 9 mo. Surveyed
 Yonge St Toronto d Dec 27 1875
 Rem to Belleville & his father's family 50 yrs ago
 made 1st survey of the town of Niagara in 1832 for
 the late Jas. Sol. Carlinght.
 Took an active part at Prescott in Feb 1837
 as capt of volunteers

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
NOTICE TO
REPORT FOR
DEFERRED CLASS 2 TREATMENT

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to O.I. 1949

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(Date)

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Service No.....

Address.....

- (1) Medical examination indicates that you require treatment.
(2) It is necessary to defer your treatment until.....

on which date you will report to.....
(3) Effective the date of admission to treatment, you will be credited
with pay and allowances equivalent to those issued to you immediately prior to your
discharge.

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for District Administrator, D.V.A.

Veteran's signature.....
(Detach original for veteran)

Information for District and Head Office use.

Date of Discharge.....

Date reported to D.V.A.....

Diagnosis on Discharge.....

Other medical evidence indicating condition present at time of discharge.....

Reason for Deferment (Indicate by "X" in appropriate square)

☐ (1) Lack of treatment facilities. Explain fully.....

☐ (2) Medical judgment due to veterans condition. Explain fully.....

For Head Office Use

Approved
Date for D.G.T.S.

Not Approved
Date for D.G.T.S.

Distribution

Upper half of original to veteran

Duplicate to Head Office

From: Rutgers University Press
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Contact: Betty Zirnite
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For Release: January 28, 1963, or thereafter

Many men and women of the Hackensack Valley exiled themselves to England and Canada after the American Revolution. This is revealed in "The Revolutionary War in the Hackensack Valley" which will be published on February 22. The book (Rutgers University Press, \$10.00) was written by Adrian C. Leiby, after many years of research on the history of Bergen and Rockland Counties. The author tells of one such self-exiled Tory, Garret Leydecker, of English Neighborhood (Leonida Ridgefield).

"Son of Richard Leydecker and Maritje Benson, and a brother of the once-wealthy but now unfortunately bankrupt Samuel Benson Leydecker, Domine Leydecker was forty-seven years old in 1779, with a handsome, aristocratic face, somewhat lost in the rotundity of double chins, and notable for the small steel spectacles which adorned it. He was slightly crippled, and had always been somewhat frail. He had studied at the College of New Jersey, that nursery of the Great Awakening, graduating in 1755. After graduation he commenced his theological studies under John Henry Goetschius and was apparently a zealous adherent of the coetus party. Something happened during those studies, for he and Goetschius soon parted, and Leydecker finished his work under Goetschius' enemy, the Rev. John Ritzema, the most reactionary minister of the entire conference. Leydecker went on to become the only native Dutch Reformed minister who was ever ordained by the conference party. He had come to the English Neighborhood church as its first pastor in 1767. He and his congregation's position in the church was exactly suited their political views: no minister of the Church of England was firmer in his defence of London, no Anglican congregation received such preaching with more satisfaction. Contemtuously of Whig opinion, he had taken into his home as a refugee from New York the hated Tory mayor, David Mathews, a charming, articulate man whose political and personal morals offended even his Tory supporters. Leydecker's pulpit rang with prayers for the King and government and when the war was over Leydecker paid for his Toryism by exile." Ironically, his cousin and namesake, Garrett Leydecker, was an equally prominent patriot.

NEW YORK, N.Y., MAY 1, 1941

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son of the first publisher and Justice Brewer, and a brother of the one-
yearly but now discontinued "Journal of Law, Literature, and Science."
Ledyard was twenty-seven years old in 1877, with a handsome, aristocratic
face, somewhat stout in the proportions of double chin, and notable for the
well defined features which adorned it. He was slightly arched, and had
always been somewhat frail. He had studied at the College of New York,
that nursery of the great Americans, graduating in 1875. After graduation
he continued his theological studies under John Henry Greenough and had
apparently a zealous interest in the native party. He attended the
meeting of the studies, but is said to have soon parted, and Ledyard
finished his work under Greenough, and the Rev. John Alden, the more
respectable minister of the native community. His father was in the
past the only native-born minister who was ever ordained by
the native party. He had some of the English Methodist and church as
it first began in 1875. He and his congregation's position in the church
were exactly suited their political views; no minister of the church
before was there in the defense of London, or English and foreign
received upon preaching with the assistance of the
missionary, he had taken into his house a refugee from New York the late
Tory war, David Matthews, a criminal attorney who was political and
personal enemies of the English and Government and when the war was over
Ledyard was one of his Tories by side. Ironically, his local and
national, Herbert Ledyard, was an equally good one and patriot.

21 Hickson St.,
Toronto 3, Ont.,
27 Aug., 1963.

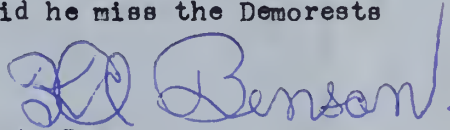
Dr. H.C. Burleigh, M.D., U.E.,
Bath, Ont.

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

I have discovered through conversation with the curator at the Adolphustown museum that we definitely are not masters in our own house. I was told that nothing could be hung from the walls and that special permission had to be obtained to hang the portrait of Governor Simcoe. The whole edifice is not satisfactory for what we do need as a reputable museum and library comparable to the American projects in the same field. E. Claude Young was correct when he told me that the women had brought the politicians into the picture and had driven off the interested parties. What kind of nonsense would keep us from a few oil paintings or photos on the walls? I sincerely believe that we should make a determined effort to have a genuine library and museum in the area and under our own auspices and direction. There is a type of mentality rampant in political circles that makes it a definite policy to poke fun at the early settlers and tighten the purse strings on genuine patriotic endeavours.

I have had recent correspondence with the American historical and genealogical societies in N.J. and N.Y. and I have had the unusual experience of being recognized by my name, something that doesn't happen too often in Canada. Sources were given me as well as a moderate rebuke from the Saint Nicholas Society of New York City which hastened to advise me that Egbert Benson was one of the Dutch founders of the Society. The New Jersey Historical Society has advised me of a recent book by Adrian C. Leiby entitled "The Revolutionary War in the Hackensack Valley". I have attached a copy of the release by Rutgers which could amuse me as much as "Romance of The Revolution of the Days of '76". Leiby's book names a great many of the Dutch Loyalists of the Quinte region including my own family. I have yet to find any record of the Leydecker family nor have I ever heard of them before. I have ordered the book and if it is of merit I will inform the other branches and present a copy to the Picton Library. Could you please tell me where the Redin man was murdered in New England? I have had occasion to tell this story but the name of the town where the bones are kept and the lynching took place has escaped me. Doubtlessly you have read or examined Dr. Reaman's new book. Why did he miss the Demorests who were prominent leaders in Picardy?

Sincerely,


K.A. Benson

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Acknowledged Receipt of Clothing. Sold 19 Nov 1783

M. Benson's Children $00 \overset{+10}{\cancel{2}} 00$ Matthew Benson

Mrs. Benson $01 \overset{+6}{\cancel{2}} \overset{-6}{0}$ * Sold 7 Dec 1783

Exclusive of Upper Posts (Nov. 1783?).

Matthew Benson $11 \overset{+12}{\cancel{2}} \overset{-6}{0} 2010$ Blacksmith + farmer.

McDowall Register

Marriages

John Benson + Mary Vallan, both of Sophiasburgh	17 Nov 1801
Richard Benson + Elizabeth Barton	31 May 1802
Charles Alger, Hollowell, + Sophia Benson, Adolphustown	14 Nov 1815
James Farrah, Murray, + Margret Benson. ..	18 Oct 1831

Baptisms

Adolphustown

Quart Benson, Jean Van Blanscomb, —→ John	born 20 Apr 1800
Albert —→ Peter	" 13 July 1804

Conger Marriage Register

Joseph Daly, Polly Benson, Sophiasburgh	18 Sept 1820
James Benson, Sophiasburgh, Mary Trader, Hollowell	27 Feb 1822.

Burris Cemetery, Conc. 5 Hillier Sp.

Mrs. Martha Benson 1740-1822

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H. C. Rollis

List of persons to whom accounts have been mailed
in the name of the U. S. Dept. for the U. S. Navy

Benson, Mary, 2000 Ave. of Peter Hillman

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Records of Adolphustown Town Meetings.

BENSON.

Personal Notes.

Garret Benson.

Garret Benson, another constable, was also a U. E. L., a farmer living north of Hay Bay, in the fourth concession. There was quite a large family of sons, well-to-do farmers, but not one of the descendants now remain in the township or county so far as can be ascertained. Several of them reside in Prince Edward.

Adolphustown Land Grants

Garret Benson Conc. 3, Lot 22 E $\frac{1}{2}$ 100 ac. 25 Nov., 1802

Albert Benson " 4 " 20

(with Peter Dulyea) all 200 ac. 26 Sept., 1805

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

1887

THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and to express its appreciation of the services rendered by him during the year 1887.

The report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, for the year 1887, is herewith submitted, and it is the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior to recommend its adoption by the House of Representatives.

Approved: _____

Very respectfully,
Secretary of the Interior

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Bensch, Johannes wit.³ 23.2.1794, 3.16.5.1796

Bensch, Jacob wit.⁴ 27.10.1793 = (Bensch, Sophia Abigail Doorn 16.11.1795)

Benecke, William, wit.⁵ 28.4.1794, 5.28.4.1794

See Bensch

St-Georges — nil

L.E. List-

John Benegar Benninger	Thurlow	Ironer of Provisions & afterwards clerk in Comm- rary Dept. L.B.M. 1791, 200 + L.B.A. 1794, 300 acres more.
John Benth	5	Discharged German soldier, p. Petition Provision list, 1786.

" " Supp - nil

Long claim + witness — nil

L.B.O.

William 11.14.97 (Benecker) L.B. Cents. Rec. 200 additional

See Benson.



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Benson, Garret wife ⁴ 13.6.90, ^{sophias} 16.11.1795 (for Bensche), ³ 12.4.1802
 Richard wife ³ 16.4.1801.

St. George's - nil

U. E. List

Albert 4 Loyalist, 1786, P.L. from New York, A.M.C.L.
 Cornelius 3 Son of Mathew.
 Garret 4 Loyalist, L.B.M. 1790 + P.L. 1786, from New York.
 Mathew 3 U.E. Soldier, Orange Rangers, L.B.M. + P.L. 1786. Bounty by his heirs, 200 L.B.M. 1791

U. E. List Supp.

Jonas Treasury Loyalist, 1792
 Christina " " " " From England.

Loy. Claim

Mathew Bergen Co., E. Jersey, Grass, Bayards, p. 1016

" " witnesses

James St. Edward p. 345.

P. B. Q.

nil.

L. B. O.

Cornelius lot 6 cons 1 Hamilton Tp.

John

Richard } 11.18.97 Praying for lds as U.E. 200 each.

Hald. Papers (May, 1941)

Mathew 166.49. 168.9.

Ret. Ref. Loy. Exch. Thos Quant + Res. at Up. Ports.

Mathew 1 1 ⁺¹² 2 ^{6/12} 0 ⁻⁶ 2 0 1 0 Blacksmith + farmer

Ret. Disb. Tr. + Ref. Loy. Tp 4 (Cat) 5 Oct /84

Mathew 1 1 ⁺¹⁰ 0 ⁻¹⁰ 2 ⁺¹⁰ 1 0 0 ^{1/2} Gave to the mills at Cat.



An account of the losses sustained by Mathew Benson late of Bergen County Province of New Jersey for his attachment to his Majesty and the British Government in the late war in America. 1776.

To 32 acres of land	50
To buildings on the said land	20
To Book Account	60
To a Bond due of Garret Benson	50
To a Note due of John Sherwood	10
To 2 cows 5 pds each	10
To 2 horses and saddle	22
isnt a bed furniture? → To Feather bed and bed clothes	14
To farming utensils	5
To 4 hogs	3
To wearing apparel and <u>household furniture</u>	10
New York Currency	254 0 0
	65 10
	190 10
	47 12 6
	142 7 6

N.B. I brought 50 recruits to Col. Bayard

Piloted 40 men

Witness to the above account can be produced

Capt. Peter Rattan in the 4th Township above Catteraqui

Daniel McGuin at Township Catteraqui.

I can't understand
mathematics employed
here - He withdrew claim but still received 36

To the Honourable Peter Russell, Esqr. President of the Province of
Upper Canada Gc Gc Gc in Council:-

The Petition of Matthew Benson of Adolphustown. Humbly Sheweth:

That your petitioner during the late unhappy dissensions between
Great Britain and her American Colonies, served in a Corps called the
embodied Loyalists, and was with Captain Ward at the Block House on the
North River till the same was evacuated as may appease to Your Honour
from the annexed affidavit of Thomas Burnet and David Babcock with whom
he served:-

Your Petitioner for the services above stated became entitled
to a certain quantity of land as a gratuity which he has never drawn. He
therefore most humbly begs leave to submit his pretensions to your Honour's
consideration and most humbly prays that the same quantity of land might
be ordered him as has already been given to others in his station who
belonged to the same corps, and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will
ever pray.

Mathew Benson

Kingston, May 22, 1795

Minute: To be over for a certificate of Petr's being in the blockhouse
when it was attacked by Genl Wayne.

*Elizabeth Benson. 2 June 1798. A land board certificate.
Ordered the petitioner 200 acres in addition to Lord
Dorchester's bounty, if not ordered before.*

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The United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada

AN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN COLONIAL FAMILIES IN CANADA

"DUCIT AMOR PATRIAE"

21 Hickson St.,

Toronto 3, Ont.,

20 Nov., 1967.

Dr. H.C. Burleigh, M.D., U.E.,
Genealogist, Bay of Quinte Branch,
U.E.L. Association of Canada,
Bath, Ont.

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

I enclose copies of some documents I have on the Bensons that might be of interest to you. I intend to have photo copies made in the future for your use. One of the documents I have seems to be a list of the Van Alstine Party with notations. One says Mathew Benson "gone to mill at Cataragui." Perhaps this explains where some of these people resided before the land grants. I have several parade states of a company of the King's Orange Rangers listing Mathew and his son John. John is listed as killed on one of the rolls so it jives with the Benson Bible account. Now I have one document from the court at Hackensack which seems to be an account of Mathew appearing before Judge John Benson to sell his land which had been confiscated. The Bergen County Clerk tells me that the name mentioned in the document is "Massanekes" in the Ramboogh Tract, Bergen County, and is in the northwest corner of Mahwah. He says the name has been corrupted to the present "Masonicus". If Mathew did go back tin 1796 to recover payment it is unprecedented to my knowledge. His court account is preceded by a document identifying Mathew as representing his children, attested to by Van Alstine and Paul Huff.

Sincerely,

W. Benson

To his Excellency the Right Honourable Guy Lord Dorchester Captain
General Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colonies of Quebec,
Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and their Dependencies, etc. etc.

The Memorial of Jacob Benson, the son of Matthew Benson, late Private
in Colonel Bayard's Regt.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Lordship's Memorialist being of age applies for the portion
of lands under the order of Council of 9th November, 1789. And humbly
begs that two hundred acres of land may be assigned him as the son of
a Loyalist in the Sixth Township.

And Your Memorialist duty bound will ever pray.

Jacob Benson

Kingston
March 30th
1790

To his Excellency Lord Dorchester,
Governor and Commander in Chief, etc.
in Council.
Quebec

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To his Excellency the Right Honourable Guy Lord Dorchester Captain
General Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colonies of Quebec,
Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and their Dependencies:

The Memorial of Matthew Benson, Private in Col. Bayard's Regt.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Lordship's Memorials had drawn one hundred acres for himself
and two hundred acres as family lands and having made due improvement,
Humbly prays that his Lordship's Bounty of two hundred acres may be
assigned to him in 8th Township.

And your Memorialist as in duty bound will every pray.

Matthew Benson

Kingston,

May the 5th,

1790

To his Excellency Lord Dorchester, Governor
and Commander in Chief, etc., in Council.

Quebec

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U. E. L. Rolls

Benson

Descendants

Benson, Cornelius, of York, Blacksmith, son of Mathew Benson, of Sophiasburgh, states to have joined Royal Standard with his father and five brothers from the Jerseys in 1779. O.C. 14 Feby. 1798 for a lot in Hamilton

"E" List

Warrant Book Land

Sons + Daughters of U.E. 1817-1846

Benson, David, Adolphustown, yeoman, son of Peter

Sons + Daughters of Loyalists.

Benson, Albert, of Adolphustown.

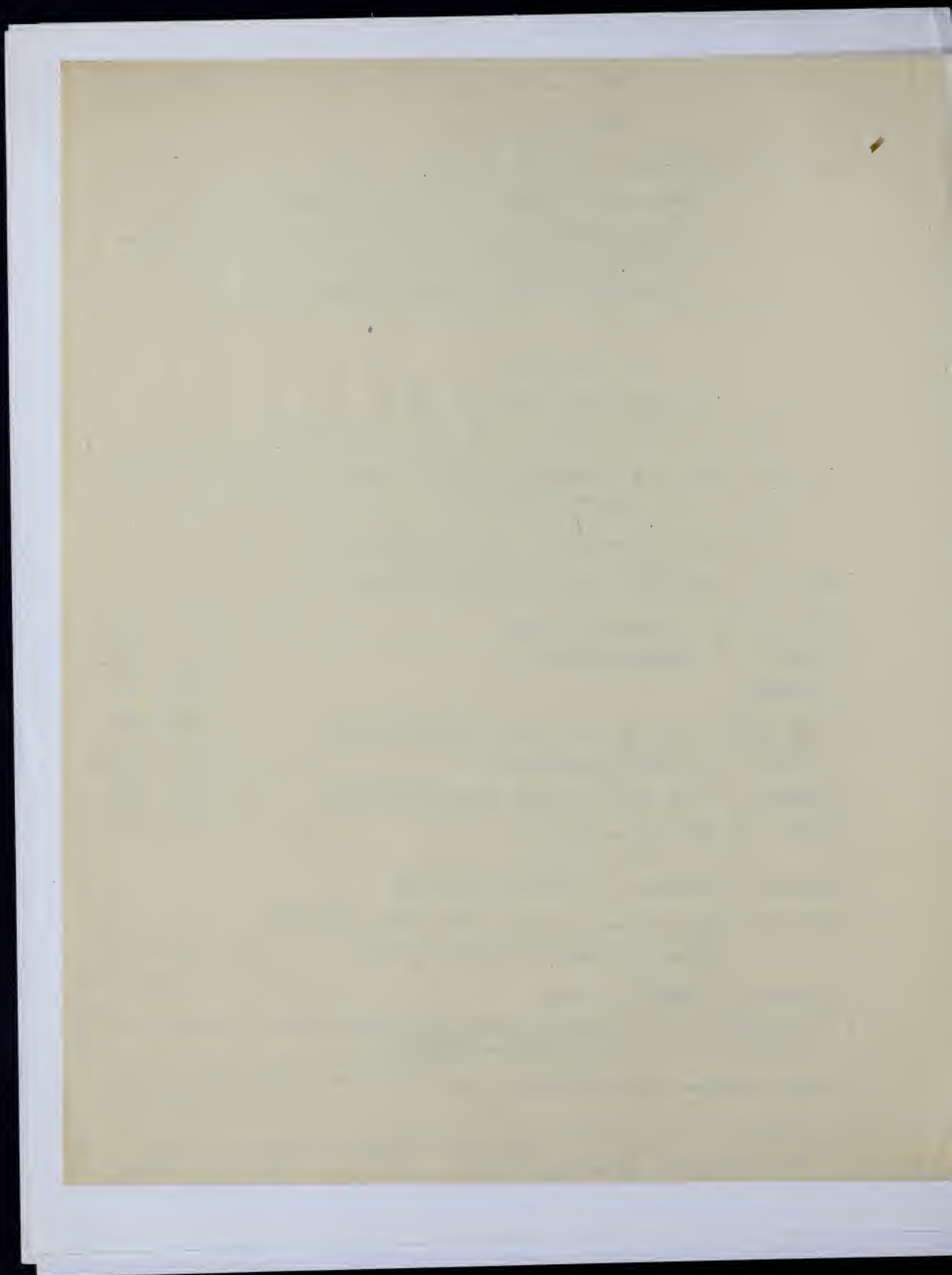
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| s. David of Ameliasburg | O.C. 18 Mar 1818 |
| s. Peter " Adolphustown | 23 " 1833. |
| s. Mathew " " | 11 July 1833. |
| d. Margaret, marr. James J Gerrill of Murray | 1 Aug 1833 |
| s. Garrett of Adolphustown | 12 June 1832. |
| d. Sophia, marr. Charles Alger of Hallowell | 28 Apr. 1832 |
| s. John of <u>Adolphustown</u> | 14 Mar. 1826 |

Benson, Mathew of Sophiasburg.

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| s. John of Sophiasburg, born 1779; marr. 17 Nov. 1801
Mary Valleau; died May 1864 | O.C. 17 Nov 1801.
" 18 Nov 1797. |
| s. Richard of Sophiasburg | |
| d. Elizabeth, marr. <u>Matthew Steel</u> of Adolphustown
(See his children) | L.B. Cert 21 Jan 1793. |

Cornelius Benson of Ameliasburg, marr. Sarah, dau. Thomas Dempsey
O.C. 17 July 1817

Mary Valleau, born 10 Feb 1787; marr. John Benson of Sophiasburg
on 17 Nov 1801; died Sept 1855 O.C. 21 Jan 1806



Hald. Pap. cont'd.

Benson

Mr (Athens) children

Underment Ref. boy. recently arr. from N.Y. acknowledge receipt of clothing Sord 19 Nov 183

Mr. Bensons Ch. 0 0 3 0 0 Matthew Benson.
Mrs .. 0 1 2 0 her marks.
Mrs. 166.43.
Mr

Sept 27. 1787

890 Claim of Matthew Benson, late of Bergen Co., E. Jersey.

Claimt. says:

He was at Sord in '83. Is a native of America, lived in Bergen Co. joined the Brit. at New York. He had recruited men for Col. Bayard's Regt. Served in Col. Bayard's Regt till they went to Halifax, he was discharged there. Got in the King's Brew house, staid till Evacuation of New York.

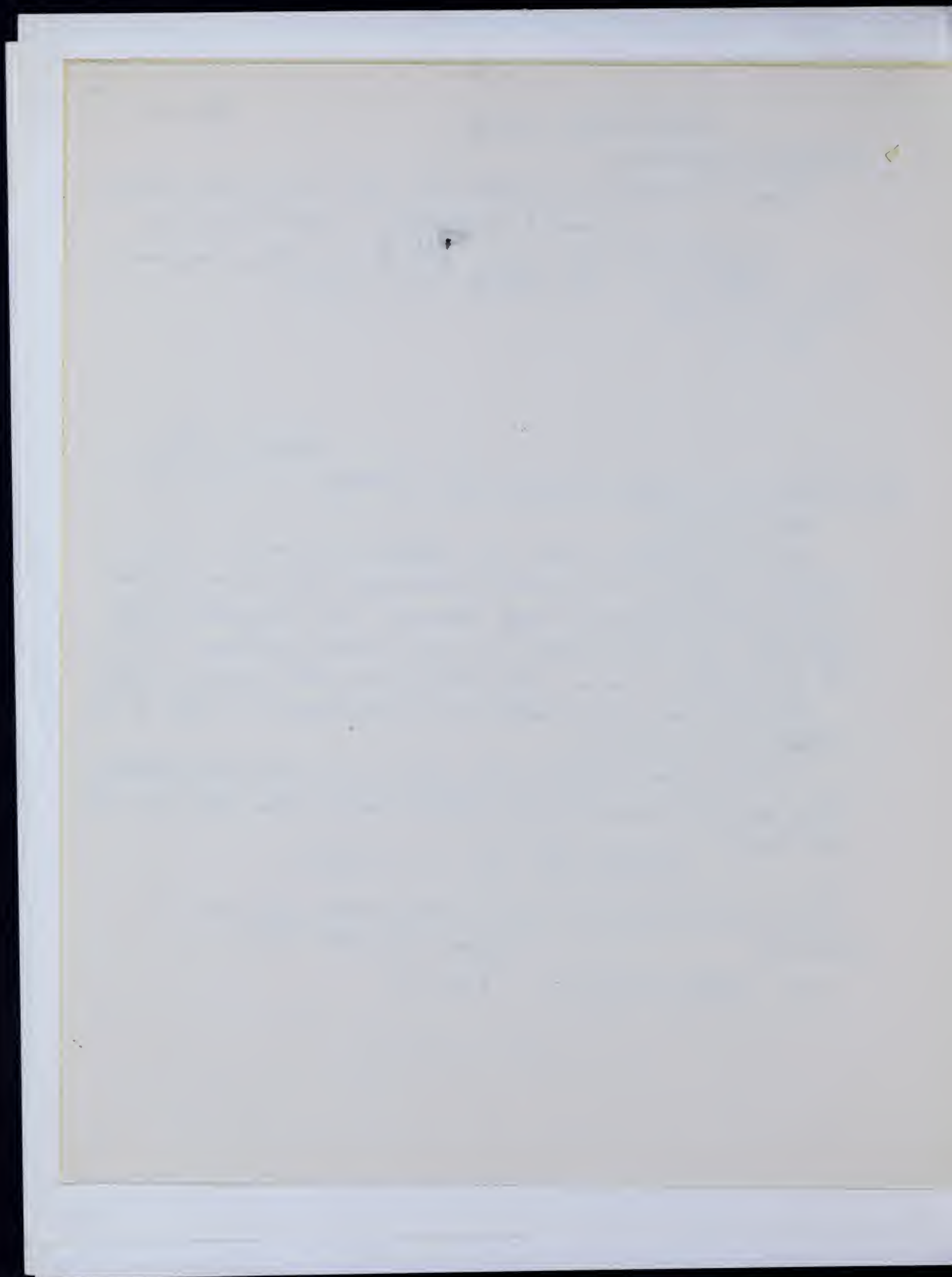
Had 30 acres. His brother has recovered it & sold it, he withdraws his claim.

2 cows. 4 Horses. furniture, farming utensils. Clothes, they were plundered by the Rebels because Claimt. was with the Brit.

marginal note: This is very fair.

A list of Certificates sent to Colonel Dundas for his signature. Signed 12th Sept. 1790

1024 Matthew Benson £ 39.0.0



Benson, Bense ^{BB} Benschel,

Richard (Sirek) d. Feb 2 1659 set Fert N.Y. 1649. @ New Amsterdam 1648

m. Catalina Berck

issue: 1. Sirek b. 1650

2. Samson b. 1652

3. Johannes b. Feb 8 1655 d. 1715.

4. Catharina b. 1657

5. Maria b. 1659

3 Johannes m. Elizabeth dau Matthew Van Lengen, b. 26 1676 She d. 1746.
issue: Samson; Helena; Sirek; Catalina; Rachael; Matthew;
Catherine; Marvite; Johannes Jr; Benjamin.

• Johannes Jr. m ^{Elizabeth} Lydecker b. b. May 29 1701
m. May 3 1724 She dau Gerritt Lydecker

issue: Elizabeth; Gerritt; Johannes; Cornelius; Catharina;
• Matthew.

• Matthew b. Nov 19 1736. m. Mary Berdan Haetensack (Can.)
John (K. in Revol) II wid Schammerhorn -

issue: Gerritt (Hay Bay) and

them m. Mary Osborne } Sisters

inghem St Pauls, (Sophiasburg) Jacob ^{BB} m. Abergail Osborne Nov 16 1795

• Eve

Betsy

Hannes b. 9/28/1760

Albert b. Feb 12 1764 Set udephustown

Samuel b. 1/28 1776

xx • John } b. Feb 13 1779 Set Prince Ed Co. (Piton)

• Sirek

Cornelius

xx John Benson m Mary Vallan, ^{Mc Small Register.} Nov 17 1801 She b. Dec 31 1787. Fred S & L.

issue - Mary

m Joseph Darley

Jane

m James Darley

Elizabeth

m Daniel Darley

Ann

m Samuel Williams

Peter

m Sarah Wood

Eve

m David Van Blaucomb

oo Cornelius

m Elizabeth " " "

Wilhelm

m Sarah Mc Quirk

Richard

m Elizabeth Barton

Charity

m J. A. Van Blaucomb

oo Cornelius + Elizabeth Benson

issue -

Josiah

Esther

Phoebe

Sarah

Portland b. Feb 9 1855 d. Dec 26 1938 m. David Slater, Piton and

(writer & painter).

Ritzema 10
Reeman 11
Railen 15

Ituff 14

Barton 3
Berdan 3
Blenninger 4
Bloechouse 16
Burnet 16
Babcock 16

Schammerhorn 3
Slater 3
Sherwood 15

Cryderman 17

Larley 16.11
Lyden 3.10

Trader 17

McLure 3
McLure 15

Mathews 10
Merrill 17

Darley 3²
Dorsey 3
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Demarest 16

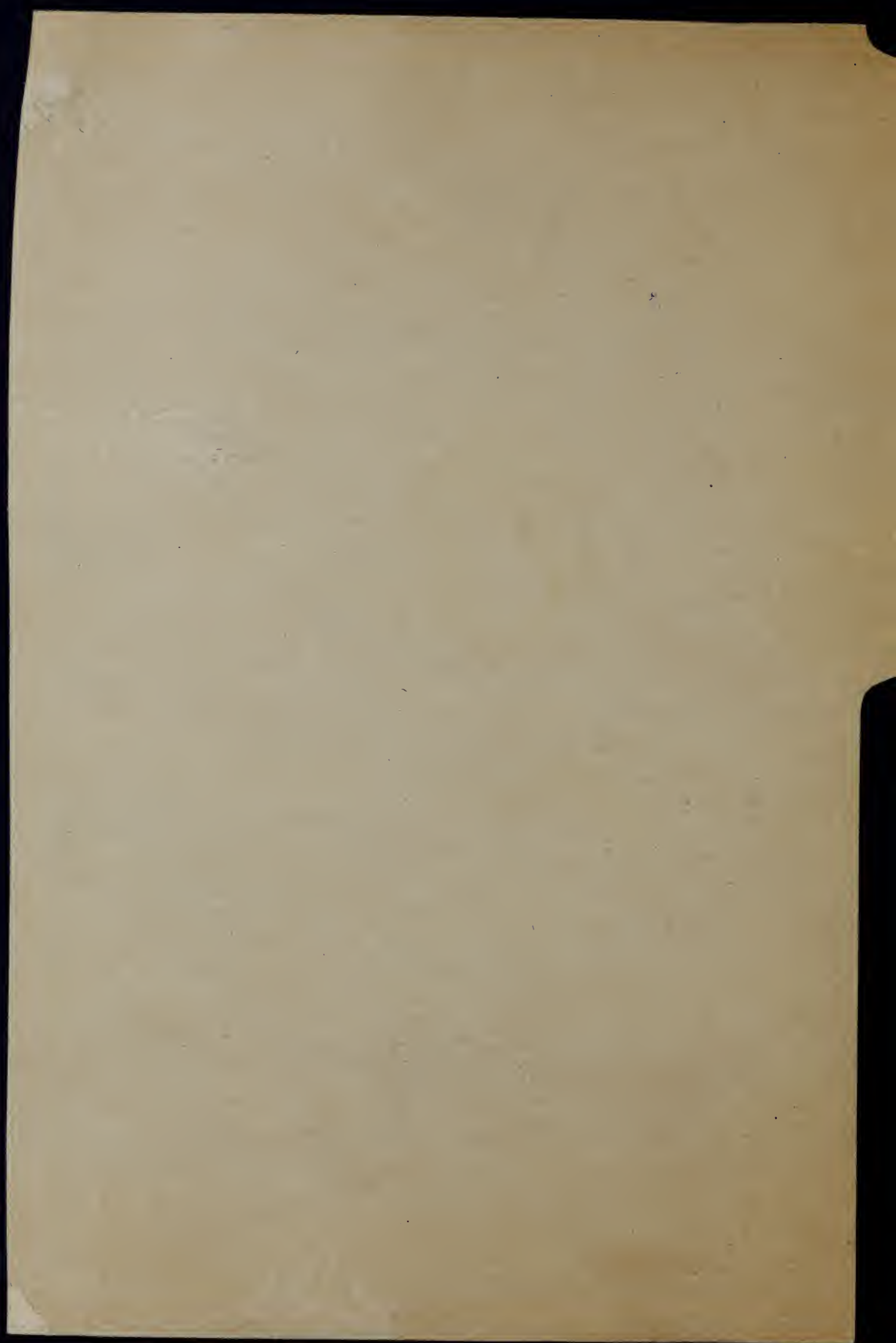
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Valliam 3.7
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Wayne 16
Walsh 17

Orborne 3².4.17

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